(ii) 40,000 station staff have also been subjected to an out-of-course screening and deficient staff were imparted non-scheduled safety training.

(iii) Regular counselling of staff is done to prevent accidents.

(iv) Stringent action to the extent of 'dismissal' or 'removal' from service is being imposed on staff eausing serious train laccidents.

(v) The elimination of collisions has been made as one of the mission areas for the General Managers of the Railways.

(vi) Nearly 60,000 of staff attended Safety Camps and refresher training courses during the last one year.

Increase in the time limit of advance reservation

*4638. SHRI S. AUSTIN; WiU the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a).whether Govecnment have any proposal to change the time limit for advance rail reservation;

(b) if so the details thereof; and

(c) by when this is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAPFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) It has been decided to reduce the advance reservation period from 45 days to 30 days in respect of journeys commencing from 1.7.1995 onwards

Compesation to the bomb blast vicitions in Brahmaputra Mail

6639. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether an incident of bomb expolsion occurred in Brahmaputra Mail recently;

(b) if so, the estimated loss suffered by the Raihways due to the explosion; and

(c) the details of financial and other assistance given to the victims of the incident?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAPFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The estimated loss suffercd by the Railways due to the explosion is Rs. 9.21,000|- approx.

(c) ex-sratia payment has beea given to the victims of the incident. The details are as under: —

(i) Rs. 2,250;- to the nine injured persons @ Rs. 2501- each.

(ii) Rs. 11,000|- to the eleven seriously injured persons @ Rs. 1,000|- each.

(iii) Rs. 25,000/ to the kith and kin of the five deceased parsons @Rs. 5,000/- each.

The victims will also be paid the Compensation, quantum of which will be decided by Railway Claims Tribupal .

Development of Raitway Station tn Andhra Pradesh

4640. SHRI G. PRATHAPA RF.DDY :
SHRI T, VENKATRAM REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state'.

(a) the number of Railway Stations which have been identified by Govern-ment in Andhra Pratlesh for expansion and deplovement